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1. ACCORDING TO REPORT IN FEB 7 FIJI TIMES, JAMES GARAE BAKEO AND TIMOTHY WELLES NAFAKON (REFTELS) LEFT NADI FEB 6 FOR RETURN VISIT TO UN.

2. IN MEETING WITH FIJI TIMES REPORTER AT NADI AIRPORT, BAKEO SAID THEY WOULD RESUME TALKS WITH UN AND US STATE DEPARTMENT AND WOULD SEE REPRESENTATIVES OF THREE COUNTRIES THAT HAVE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO HELP THEM. BAKEO WOULD NOT RPT NOT IDENTIFY COUNTRIES WHICH WISH TO REMAIN UNKNOWN FOR PRESENT BECAUSE OF THEIR RELATIONS WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH GOVTS. HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH ARRANGEMENTS HAD NOT YET BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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MADE TO SEE PRESIDENT FORD, THERE WAS EVERY LIKELIHOOD THAT

THEY WOULD DO SO WHEN THEY ARRIVED.

3. BAKEO TOLD REPORTER THAT WHILE IN NEW YORK LAST DECEMBER, HE HAD HAD LENGTHY DISCUSSION AND HAD RECEIVED VALUABLE ADVICE FROM UN DIRECTOR OF LEGAL OPERATIONS, MR. SLOANE. HE ADDED HE HAD ALSO SEEN STATE DEPT LEGAL COUNSEL AND HAD HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADORS OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA, BRITAIN, NEW ZEALAND, AND AUSTRALIA IN NEW YORK.

4. REF C, WHICH WAS SENT TO DEPT FEB AND WILL NOT YET HAVE BEN SEEN BY ADDEES, REPORTS STATEMENT BY NEW HEBRIDES ASSEMBLY MEMBER DONALD KALPOKAS (NATIONAL PARTY) THAT "NA-GRIAMEL IS COMPLETELY CONTROLLED BY AMERICAN LAND SPECULATORS WHO HAVE MASSES OF LAND AT SANTO THAT NEW LAWS PREVENT THEM SELLING. THEY ARE USING NA-GRIAMEL AS TOOL TO GET INDEPENDENCE SO THAT THEY CAN SELL LAND". CHARGE HAS BEEN REITERATED BY REVEREND FRED TIMATAKA, VICE PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL PARTY AND PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER, WHO IS IN SUVA FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF PACIFIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE. TIMATAKA TOLD TIJI TIMES NA-GRIAMEL IS UNDER INFLUENCE OF AMERICAN FRENCH LAND SPECULATORS. "I WANT TO STATE MY DISAPPOINTMENT AT SEEING MY PEOPLE BEING USED AS TOOLS OF CERTAIN AMERICAN AND FRENCH EXPLOITERS LIVING IN SANTO."
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